



# Assessments

## AASA Writing Resources

### Writing Rubrics

*The Writing Rubrics can be used in classrooms to score students' work to prepare them for the AASA Writing test unit.*

[Grades 3-5 Informative-Explanatory Rubric](#)  
[Grades 3-5 Opinion Rubric](#)

[Grades 6-8 Informative-Explanatory Rubric](#)  
[Grades 6-8 Argumentative Rubric](#)

### Writing Guides

*The Writing Guides are included in the test environment with each prompt as a reminder to students of key pieces from the rubric to include in their essays as they are planning, writing, and revising. They can be used in classrooms with assignments or to help students complete classroom or district essays throughout the school year.*

[Grades 3-5 Informative-Explanatory](#)  
[Grades 3-5 Opinion](#)  
[Grade 6 Argumentative](#)

[Grades 6-8 Informative-Explanatory](#)  
[Grades 7-8 Argumentative](#)

### Writing Rubric Guides

*The Rubric Guides are for **educators** and explain in-depth the parts of the scoring rubric and connect to the standards being assessed. This resource also highlights key vocabulary in the Scoring Rubric descriptors to explain the differences in scoring points.*

[Grades 3-5 Informative](#)  
[Grades 3-5 Opinion](#)

[Grades 6-8 Informative](#)  
[Grades 6-8 Argumentative](#)

### Annotated Writing Sample Guides

*The Annotated Writing Samples exhibit actual Arizona student writing samples of the Sample Test writing prompts, along with scores that represent if the essay was submitted in an AASA Writing Unit. The samples provide explanations of why specific scores were given, along with feedback of what a student could have done to earn more points. Due to grade-band rubrics and similar standards, educators can utilize adjacent grade levels to see more styles of writing and scoring.*

[Grade 3 Annotated Writing Samples](#)  
[Grade 4 Annotated Writing Samples](#)  
[Grade 5 Annotated Writing Samples](#)

[Grade 6 Annotated Writing Samples](#)  
[Grade 7 Annotated Writing Samples](#)  
[Grade 8 Annotated Writing Samples](#)